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Sir:

This application is related to the U.S. patent application invented by Jeremy John CARROLL, entitled "PRINT JOB ASSIGNMENT IN A RECONFIGURABLE PRINTING SYSTEM, " which application is being filed on July 30, 2003.

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